

REMARKS

The Notice objected to the claims because the non-elected claims did not have the correct status identifier: "withdrawn".

Accordingly, a claim set compliant with 37 CFR 1.121 is attached to the appendix of this response, and is intended to replace the claim set of December 3, 2008.

The status identifiers for non-elected claims 25-40 have been changed to "withdrawn".

Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested for the reasons stated in the Amendment of December 3, 2008.

Accordingly, a favorable action on the merits of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our credit card which is being paid online simultaneously herewith for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- Amendment to the claims compliant with 37 CFR 1.121